

**Middle Nenana River Advisory Committee**  
**January 12, 2021**  
**Teleconference**

- I. Call to Order: 6:35pm by Chair Allan Mortenson
  
- II. Roll Call  
Members Present: Paul Van Dyke, Allan Mortenson; Clear  
Matt Nustvold, Coke Wallace\*, Jacob Mattila, Erik Haugen\*; Healy  
Alex Beutow, McKinley  
Paul Nyberg  
Members Absent (Excused): Jeff Stenger, Clear; Leroy Sutton, Alt Clear, Wayne Valcq,  
Ferry; John Basile, Healy; Jeremy Wolf, Undesignated  
  
\* Arrived a bit late  
Number Needed for Quorum on AC:6
  
- III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Tony Hollis & Mark Nelson (DWC), Nissa Pilcher (BDS)
  
- IV. Guests Present: Pat Owen, Nancy Bale, Greg Culligan
  
- V. Approval of Agenda, approved
  
- VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes, approved
  
- VII. Old Business  
Members noted that they were still fine on not holding elections at this time during this cycle  
  
Members also asked a question about the past BOG meeting; why liberalized brown bear season wasn't approved at the 2020 INT BOG meeting if there is no tag fee for residents. Department noted that current harvest is a lot higher than historic numbers and but the goal was to maintain a healthy, although lower than historic, population of brown bears, which takes a careful approach with the higher harvest numbers. Members noted that they see a lot more brown bear than black bears in 20A
  
- VIII. New Business

Board of Game and Fisheries 2020-2021 Meeting Cycle Discussion

There are a lot of good things that come out of in person meetings, so if that is not an option, then the AC would not be opposed to seeing things pushed down the road. Nothing is so pressing in the

proposals that it could not wait a year in relation to what is occurring right now. The committee stated that they would prefer sooner than later for when meetings happen but would prefer face to face meetings and if that takes until next year, then that is what should happen.

Committee had questions about if stacking the meetings next year would happen, how putting off meetings would affect INT BOG cycles, and how antler reauthorizations would be handled.

AC did not formally vote on any action in relation to the Board 2020-20201 meeting cycle

Moose harvest update for 20A, 20B, and 20C given by the department

Department presented information on moose population, harvest, ceremonial harvest/road kill numbers for 20A , 20B, and 20C

Committee had questions on ceremonial harvest numbers and reporting.

Department also noted that they have a brow tine presentation that they can give to folks when a face to face meeting can be held, and noted that the results of the study show that the basic trend was the same for brow tine growth over the last 30 years.

Board of Game Proposals

The committee wondered why there was so many Emperor Goose proposals (Proposals 32-50) that all dealt with changing the allocation of resident and nonresident permits, or sought to remove any nonresident take. No action taken on any of these proposals, but harvest statistics on the hunt were requested.

AC proposal discussions

**Proposal 183:** Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20A

**Proposal 183:** Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20B

- Erik brought up Proposal **183/184**, Alan seconds. The Middle Nenana AAC usually supports the department's request for reauthorization of antlerless moose hunt. Vote to support: 8 support, none opposed. Unanimous to **Support**

**Proposal 163:** Count wounded big game animals towards the hunter's bag limit for all units and require additional action in the field from hunters that attempt to take game

- Jake brought up Proposal **163**, Matt seconds. Discussion was that counting a wounded big game animal towards a hunters bag limit a difficult topic to cover. The rule is largely vague. This rule would be hard to enforce, and each person should bring ethics into the field with them and make responsible shots. This would not fix the sour apples out in the field. Vote to oppose: 8 oppose, none support. Unanimous to **Oppose**

**Proposal 189:** Reauthorize resident grizzly/brown bear tag fee exemptions throughout Interior and Northeast Alaska

- Alan brought up Proposal **189**, Paul seconds. Again the Middle Nenana AAC usual supports brown bear tag fee exemptions. Vote to support: 7 support, 1 oppose. Vote to support passed.

IX. Next Meeting TBD based on discussion if any other proposals need to be brought up.

X. Other

XI. Adjourn – Meeting Adjourned at 0811

XII. Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: Erik Haugen  
Minutes Approved By: Alan Mortenson  
Date: 2/17/2021